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SUBJ: CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTION

1. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF FINAL POSTING OF 542 CANDIDATES SHOWS A TOTAL OF 55 ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL (VAST MAJORITY OFFICERS), OR 10 PERCENT OF THE FIELD. OF THESE 55, 17 ARE RUNNING AS INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER 38 ARE RUNNING AS MEMBERS LISTS. IN SEVERAL CASES ENTIRE LISTS ARE MILITARY, OFTEN IN RACES WHERE ONLY CANDIDATE HEADING THE LIST HAS ANY REAL CHANCE OF WINNING. IN SOME CASES ALSO (E.G., DANANG, BINH DINH) COMPETING MILITARY CANDIDATES

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MAY TEND TO CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT.

2. GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS:

A. IN SAIGON/GIA DINH, WITH 26 SEATS, THERE ARE 15 MILITARY CANDIDATES (SIX OF THEM IN ONE OF THE TWO GIA DINH CONSTITUENCIES);

B. IN I CORPS, 7 MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE IN RACES FOR 10 OF 17 SEATS;

C. IN II CORPS, 14 MILITARY ARE CONTESTING 10 OF THE 20 SEATS;

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D. IN III CORPS, 10 MILITARY ARE CONTESTING 9 OF THE 15 SEATS; AND

E. IN IV CORPS, 9 MILITARY ARE CONTESTING EIGHT OF THE 30 SEATS.

3. THUS IN THE FOUR CORPS AREAS 45 OF THE 82 SEATS ARE NOT BEING CONTESTED BY MILITARY AT ALL, AND IN CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT HALF OF THE 26 SEATS ARE--- IN EFFECT--NOT CONTESTED BY MILITARY.

4. NINE OR TEN OF THE MILITARY ARE MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS. PROBABLE REASONS FOR THEIR CANDIDACIES INCLUDE: BETTER EDUCATION THAN AVERAGE OFFICER;

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NOT IN COMMAND POSITIONS THAT MIGHT HAVE DISQUALIFIED THEM; WELL KNOWN TO POPULATION THROUGH THEIR MEDICAL PRACTICE; AND POLITICAL AMBITIONS BEYOND MILITARY CAREERS.

5. COMMENT: ON BASIS THIS ANALYSIS STRAIGHT MILITARY CANDIDATES CANNOT POSSIBLE GARNER ENOUGH SEATS TO FORM "BLOCKING THIRD" WHICH HAD BEEN RUMORED AS MILITARY AIM.
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SUBJECT : GVN Decree Concerning Procedures for Montagnard Elections

REF : Embtel 5632

DATE: August 17, 1966

An unofficial translation of Decree-Law 028/66 dated July 22, 1966 is attached. This decree-law sets forth the procedures to be followed in next month's election of eight Montagnard and one Cham deputies. Translation of the administrative procedures (entitled "Part II") provided for election officials is also attached.

The highlights of Decree-Law 028/66 are shown below. Note that the term "elector" is used in this airgram in a limited sense to describe those persons who, selected by the electorate at large (referred to here as "voters"), will elect the highlander and Cham deputies.

Number of Seats

Six seats are reserved for Montagnards of South Viet Nam, one each for the provinces of Darlac, Pleiku, Kontum, Tuyen Duc, Phu Bon and Quang Ngai. Two seats are reserved for Montagnard refugees from North Viet Nam, one each for the provinces of Tuyen Duc and Binh Thuan. The one Cham deputy will be elected jointly by Ninh Thuan and Binh Thuan provinces.

Electors

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council members of highlander or Cham origin, (b) elected members of village councils, and hamlet chiefs and deputy hamlet chiefs of Cham or highlander hamlets, and (c) electors selected by the highlander or Cham population. (Comment: No mention had been made earlier of the participation in the actual election of those persons in categories (a) and (b).) With reference to category (c), each hamlet will select one elector for every 100 residents of at least 18 years of age; however, any hamlet with fewer than 100 such residents will still be entitled to one elector and each hamlet with 51 to 99 residents above the highest 100 will also be entitled to an additional elector.

Qualifications for Electors

Electors must be Vietnamese citizens of highlander or Cham origin residing in the community from which selected, may be male or female, and must have been at least 18 years of age on December 31, 1965. Those who have lost rights of citizenship are not eligible.

Selection Committee

A selection committee will be established in each district to nominate suitable candidates as electors. The committee will use procedures which conform to the customs and tradition of each tribe, such as organizing public meetings to select the best candidates, submission of a list of the best candidates to the chief and notables of each tribal unit for their approval, and organization of the voting. Each district selection committee will be chaired by the district chief, deputy district chief, or the district chief's assistant for highlander or Cham affairs. The members will consist of three highlander (or Cham) notables chosen from lot who are not candidates and the provincial highlander official or his representative.

Timing

Selection of voting delegations will be conducted between August 8 and August 27, 1966. The list of the voting delegations will be sent to the province chief August 31 and posted by September 5. On September 11, the voting delegations will gather at the province capitals for the election of the highlander or Cham deputies. However, local authorities may postpone this date in emergency cases.

Qualifications for Candidates as Deputies

Same as Decree-Law 022/66 of June 19, 1966 (Embtel 5632) setting forth qualifications for the regular Vietnamese seats in the Constituent Assembly.

FULRO Candidates

FULRO members who have returned to the government side by August 15, 1966 may become candidates, but not later than August 16. They must submit applications to a committee composed of the II Corps commander, two provincial council members or highlander or Cham notables drawn by lot who are not candidates, the representative of the Commissioner for Montagnard Affairs, and a representative from the province involved. The committee must act within seven days upon receipt of the application.

Procedures for Candidates

Application must be made by August 20, 1966 accompanied by (a) a birth certificate, identity card, or police record with photo, and (b) a police record or witnessed and attested statement showing that the applicant is not ineligible according to Article 10 of Decree-Law 022/66.

Objections to Candidates

Candidates and voters of the pertinent constituency may file complaints against candidates' qualifications between August 23 and 25, 1966. The province electoral council (Decree-Law 022/66) will examine by August 30 the candidates' applications and complaints. The second listing of candidates will be posted August 31.

Election Campaign

All candidates will be accorded equal opportunities for the campaign. The campaign will begin September 6 and end at noon on September 10. Expenses will be borne by the GVN at a maximum of VN$50 for each voter, but not less than VN$10,000 for each candidate.

Voting Procedures

Voting shall be by secret ballot and the candidate with the highest plurality shall be the winner. See Decree-Law 022/66 for voting and counting procedures and methods for filing protests.

Validation of Election

The Constituent Assembly has the power to pass on the validation of the election.

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No. 028/66

Decree-Law 028/66 of July 22, 1966 fixing procedures on the election of Deputies of Central Vietnam highlander, Cham and North Viet-Nam highlander-refugee's origins.

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE.

D E C R E E S :

ARTICLE I.- The election of nine (9) of Central Vietnam highlander, Cham and North Vietnam highlander-refugee's origins to the National Constituent Assembly, prescribed by decree-law 022/66 of June 19, 1966 Article 3, is fixed as follow :

CHAPTER I

DATE AND ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES.

ARTICLE 2.- The election of National Constituent Assembly deputies of Central Vietnam highlander, Cham and North Vietnam highlander-refugee's origins will be held jointly with the election of Vietnamese Deputies on September 11, 1966.

In constituencies where the election cannot be held as scheduled due to uncontrolled circumstances the province Chief concerned is allowed to postpone them for the nearest favorable day after informing the Ministry of Interior.

ARTICLE 3.- The composition of electoral constituencies for the Central Vietnam highlanders, Cham and North Vietnam highlander-refugees is fixed as follow :

ORDER NUMBER	PROVINCE	ORDER # OF THE ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES	COMPOSITION OF THE ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES	# OF DEPUTIES IN EACH CONSTITUENCY.
1	DARLAC	1	Unique Constituency for Central Vietnam highlanders	1
2	PLEIKU	2	-id-	1
3	KONTUM	3	-id-	1
4	TUYEN-DUC	4	-id-	1
		5	Unique constituency for North Vietnam highlander-refugees.	1

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5	PHU BON	6	Unique constituency for Central Vietnam highlanders	1
6	QUANGNGAI	7	-id-	1
7	BINH-THUAN	8	Unique constituency for North Vietnam highlander-refugees	1
8	NINH-THUAN BINH-THUAN	9	Unique constituency for Cham.	1
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CHAPTER II

THE ELECTORS.

ARTICLE 4.- In each electoral constituency, deputies of Central VN highlander, Cham and North VN highlander-refugee's origins will be elected by a voting delegation which is composed of the concerned ethnic minorities representatives.

The composition of the delegations is as follow :

1 - Members of provincial council of Central VN highlander, Cham or North VN highlander-refugee's origins;

2 - Elected members of village councils, chiefs and deputy-chiefs of hamlets of Thuong, Cham or highlander-refugee's origins;

3 - A number of Thuong, Cham and highlander refugee's representatives selected by the concerned ethnic minorities in conformity with the regulations prescribed by the following article

ARTICLE 5.- The selection of delegates described in paragraph 3, Article 4 will be made from villages as basis, or from equivalent administrative localities (buon, soc, plei etc.....) existing at the day of promulgation of the present decree-law.

As a rule, in any village each fraction of one hundred (100) persons from eighteen years of age (18) will appoint one (1) representative. Beyond 100 and its multiple, each fraction of 51 persons has the right to one (1) more representative.

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However, any village or administrative locality equivalent to it which has a population fewer than one hundred persons (100), can have one (1) representative.

The number of representatives due to each village must be fixed by decision of the concerned province Chief, not later than August 5, 1966.

Militarymen of Thuong, Cham and highlander-refugee's origins stationed at the above mentioned provinces will participate in the selections of the voting delegations at the locality of their stationing.

ARTICLE 6.- The representatives selected in each constituency must be citizens of Thuong, Cham or highlander-refugee's origins, residing in the concerned constituency, having Vietnamese nationality male or female, having eighteen years of age by December 31, 1965, except the cases of loss of rights of citizenship by condemnation.

ARTICLE 7.- In each district, a selective committee is set up with the following composition :

- District Chief, Deputy District Chief, District Chief Assistant or Thuong, Cham or highlander-refugee Administrative delegate according to each constituency..... Chairman

- 3 notables chosen by drawing lots from those who are of Thuong, Cham or highlander-refugee origins, who enjoy prestige in the province and who do not stand as candidates..... Members

- Head of Thuong affairs Service in the province or his representative ..... Members

The committee must make wide inquiries regarding the opinions of the concerned ethnic minority in order to select the right representatives for the constituency. The procedures of inquiry will be fixed by the committee in conformity with the customs and tradition of each tribe.

According to local conveniencies, the following forms of

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proceeding are likely to be performed by the selective committee :

1. To organize public meetings according to the customs of each ethnic minority in order to select the most deserving delegates.

2. To make out a list of the most deserving men, then submit it to the chief and notables of each ethnic minority for consultation.

3. To organize votings of delegates in public meetings with the participation of the people of the concerned tribe.

ARTICLE 8.- The selection of voting delegations will begin at August 8, 1966, at the earliest, and end not later than August 27, 1966. A report in three (3) copies will be established by the selective committee after each selection and the latter announced to the voters in the concerned constituency.

The list of voting delegates of the whole district will be made out by the selective committee, then sent to the provincial administration together with the above report by August 31, 1966, at the latest.

ARTICLE 9.- The list of voting delegates of the province will be made up by the province Chiefs and based upon reports and other documents of the selective committees. This list will be posted at provincial administrative offices and public places on September 5, 1966.

In each constituency, the lists of electors will be made up without discrimination of ethnic minorities. However, in Tuyen-Duc province, the lists of voting delegates will be made up separately for Central VN highlanders and North VN highlander-refugees, and in Binh-Thuan province, Cham and North VN highlander-refugee delegations will have their own list.

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PART III

CANDIDATURE - ELECTION CAMPAIGN

ARTICLE 10.- Are allowed to run for Montagnard, Cham or North VN Montagnard Refugee deputy seat in the National Constituent Assembly, male or female citizens of the concerned races who fulfill conditions stipulated in Art. 9, 10, and 11 of Decree-Law 022/66 of June 19, 1966.

ARTICLE 11.- Persons of the Fulro dissedent group who had returned for cooperation with the government before Aug. 15, 1966, may become candidate, but must submit, not later than Aug. 16, 1966, an application asking for a Council's decision that the concerned person is not a disqualified element not allowed to become National Constituent Assembly candidates. The Council must be composed as follows :

- The government's delegate to the 2nd Tactical Zone ..... Chairman;
- 2 Province Council members, or Montagnard, Cham or North-VN Montagnard refugee notables and personalities, drawn by lots and not running for National Constituent Assembly deputy seat ..... Members;
- 1 Representative of the Montagnard Affairs Special Commissary ..... Member;
- 1 Representative of the concerned province ..... Member.

This Council must issue a decision within the maximum period of 7 days following the date of reception of the application.

ARTICLE 12.- According to his original race, every Montagnard Cham or North-VN Montagnard refugee citizen is allowed to run as an independent candidate in one of various constituencies reserved for his race fixed in Article 3 and in one of those constituencie only.

Particularly, in provinces of Tuyen Duc and Binh Thuan, the

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candidate must specify his intention to be the deputy of the Montagnard, Cham or North-VN Montagnard refugees.

The Candidatex's application must be submitted to the concerned province administrative office by August 20, 1966 at the latest, with the following documents attached:

1/- A birth certificate of document replacing it, or a copy of the Identity Card, or a police record with 4 by 6 photo, delivered by local administrative authorities.

2/- A # 2 police record not older than 3 months, or a on honor statement, guaranteed by 2 witnesses and countersigned by local administrative authorities, confirming that the concerned person is not involved in cases which do not allow him to run as a candidate, fixed in Art. 10 of Decree-Law 022/66 of June 19, 1966.

The administrative Services must immediately provide the candidate with a receipt as proof that he has made application to become a candidate.

ARTICLE 13.- The list of candidates will be established according to the following order : hour, day and month of the reception of the candidate's application and will be posted for the 1st time on Aug. 22, 1966.

Candidates and electors of the concerned constituency may file complaints on candidates' qualifications at the Province Administrative Office from August 23 to August 25, 1966.

On the following day, the list of candidates and complaints, if there is any, will be sent to the Council stipulated in Art. 15 of Decree-Law 022/66 of June 19, 1966 for examination.

The list of candidates will be examined and definitely approved by the Council and returned to local administrative officials by August 30, 1966 at the latest.

The list of candidates will be posted for the second time on August 31, 1966 at the concerned province administrative office and at district administrative offices.

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ARTICLE 14.- The Election Campaign will be organized on an equal basis between all candidates according to general provisions fixed in Part IV of Decree-Law 022/66 of June 19, 1966.

In provinces of Binh Thuan and Tuyen Duc, special Election Campaign Committees will be set for Cham and North-VN Montagnard Refugees' candidates.

ARTICLE 15.- The Election Campaign will begin at the earliest on Sept. 6, 1966 and will end on Sept. 10, 1966, at 12:00 sharp.

During the above-mentioned period, electors' groups will come to the province Chief town for participation in the campaign and will receive a travelling and lodging allowance fixed at VN$ 200 for every day spent in the province Chief town.

ARTICLE 16.- Election campaign expenditures will be borne by the national budget to the maximum of VN$ 50 for each elector times in every constituency. However the minimum ear-marked expenditure will not be inferior to VN$ 10,000 for each candidate.

PART IV

PROCEDURES IN VOTING AND IN COUNTING BALLOTS - COMPLAINTS AND LAWSUITS.

ARTICLE 17.- Montagnard, Cham and North-VN Refugees deputies will be voted by single and secret balloting, in one round and by relative majority.

In each constituency, all Montagnard electors will cast their ballots at the same time and without differentiation of race or tribe.

In provinces of Binh Thuan and Tuyen Duc, Cham and North-VN Montagnard Refugee electors will cast their votes separately in order to elect a Cham or North-VN Montangard Refugee deputy, according to each case.

ARTICLE 18.- Procedures in voting and in counting of single balloting votes provided by Decree-Law 022/66 of June 19, 1966 will be applied in the election of Montagnard, Cham or North-VN Montagnard Refugee deputies.

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Besides, Art. 45 and following articles of Decree-Law 022/66 of June 19, 1966 on complaints and lawsuits procedure related to the elections, will also be applied in the election of Montagnard, Cham or North-VN Montagnard Refugee deputies.

ARTICLE 19.- Will be viewed as violations of the free and sincere character of elections of Montagnard, Cham or North-VN Montagnard Refugee deputies and be punished according to Decree-Law 13/64 of July 8, 1964, the following actions :

1/- To get the citizen's good graces so that he will give a favorable opinion to oneself in the selection of electors' groups : equivalent to the offense : "to get the elector's good graces" stipulated in Decree-Law 13/64 Art. 4.

2/- To threaten, to ill-treat the elector so that he will give an opinion favorable to oneself or defavorable to others, in the selection of electors' groups : equivalent to the offense "to threaten or to ill-treat electors" stipulated in Decree-law 13/64 Art. 5.

3/- To cheat in the sounding, collecting and writing down of opinion of citizens in the selection of electors' groups : equivalent to the offense "to add, to reduce, to change, to alter ballots" stipulatedt in Decree-Law 13/64 Art. 9.

ARTICLE 20.- The National Constituent Assembly has the full power to issue a decision on the validation of the election of Montagnard, Cham or North-VN Montangard Refugee deputies in every constituencies as well as the election of lowlands people representatives.

ARTICLE # 21.- Provisions of Decree-Law 022/66 of June 19, 1966 not contrary to the present Decree-Law and particularly provisions on single ballot voting will be applied in the election of Montagnard, Cham or North-VN Montagnard Refugee deputies.

ARTICLE 22.- The Chairman of the Central Executive Committee is charged with the execution of the present Decree-Law.

The present Decree-law will be promulgated according to the urgent procedure.

Saigon July 22, 1966

Signature of : Lieutenant General NGUYEN VAN THIEU

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The Chief of Study and Legislation Service,

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PART II

PROCEDURES IN ELECTION OF DEPUTIES OF MONTAGNARD AND CHAM DESCENT, AND OF NORTH-VN MONTAGNARD REFUGEE'S

I.- Election day.-

The election of deputies of Montagnard and Cham descent and of North-VN Montagnard Refugees will be organized at the same time than that of Lowlands deputies, on Sunday Sept. 11, 1966.

The election will be realized through 2 periods :

Period 1 :- From Aug. 8 to Aug. 27, 1966, setting of electors' groups (one part composed of members of local popularly-elected institutions and the other part composed of people selected by various concerned races of people).

Period 2 :- On Sept. 11, 1966 all electors' groups will gather at the province's Chief town for election of the deputy.

In emergency cases, local authorities may cancel the election day and will hold it on the next most favorable day after informing the Administration Special Commissary.

II.- Composition of constituencies.-

According to Decree-Law 28/66 Art. 3, there will be :

- 6 deputy seats for Montagnards (Darlac, Pleiku, Kontum, Tuyen Duc, Phu Bon, Quang Ngai).
- 2 deputy seats for North-VN Montagnard Refugees : Nung, Thai, Muong, Tho/..... (Tuyen Duc and Binh Thuan).
- 1 deputy seat for compatriots of Cham descent (Ninh Thuan + Binh Thuan).

The election will be organized on the basis of the province administrative unit and not according to each race. The cause is that there are many races within compatriots of Montagnard or of Cham descent and within North-VN Montagnard Refugees these races live scattered in the country and it is practically impossible to concentrate them into some locations for election organization.

However, in order to observe equality between all races and provinces, constituencies have been set in provinces ralatively

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well crowded with compatriots of Montagnard or of Cham descent and North-VN Montagnard Refugees. Because of that, the majority of those compatriots are allowed to participate in elections and important races have great hopes to be represented in the National Assembly.

III.- Organizing Service.-

The responsibility of the organization of elections in each constituency is incumbent on the concerned Province Chief.

Particularly concerning the Cham constituency, the responsibility will be assumed by the province of Ninh Thuan. However, the selection of electors' groups will be separately set by each province (Binh Thuan and Ninh Thuan).

IV.- Electors.-

The composition of the electors has been fixed by Decree-Law 28/66 Art. 4.

For the establishment of the electors' groups the concerned provinces will have to step by step realize the following actions :

1) - Confirmation of the number of selected representatives.-

The selection of electors' groups will be realized on the basis of hamlets or present equivalent administrative units (buon, plei, soc,.....) and really under the control of province authorities as of July 22, 1966.

In principle, in each hamlet, every 100 people older than 18 may designate one representative. Besides, every remaining number above 51 and beyond 100 will designate one additonal representative. However, any hamlet which has less than 100 people will also designate one representative.

By Aug. 5, 1966 at the latest, the province must publish its decision on the number of electors to be selected in each hamlet, according to population census document submitted to the Interior Department as of Apr. 30, 1966.

The number of electors once fixed, the Province must inform the Administration special Commissary about it by a message and

confirm it afterward by a copy of the above-mentioned decision.

As for militarymen, their number will be added to that of the local hamlet where they are stationing, for organization of the selection.

2) - Setting of Selection Committees.-

By Aug. 7, 1966 at the latest the Province Chief will set in every district which includes ethnic minority compatriots related to the concerned constituency a Selection Committee the composition of which has been fixed in Art. 7.

In this Committee, the number of notables and personalities (3 persons) will be drawn by lots among an list of 10 persons, of Cham or Montagnard descent or of North-VN Montagnard Refugees according to the constituency, who do not run for a National Constituent Assembly deputy seat. If possible, this list will include members of local popularly-elected institutions.

3) - Realization of the Selection.-

The District Selection Committee in charge of sounding opinion will be fixed and applied by the Committee, in a manner appropriate to the customs and traditions of each concerned race of the constituency, for the selection of representatives. Procedures in sounding of opinion will be fixed and applied by the Committee in a manner appropriate to the customs and traditions of each race.

According to favorable conditions in the locality, 1 of 3 procedures, fixed in the Decree-Law Art. 7 paragraph 3, may be applied.

In all cases, it is necessary to mention in the report the procedure applied, the number of participating citizens and the result of the selection as well as the number of supporters.

If the procedure "election in public meetings" is applied, the election procedure as well as the names of the candidates or of selected persons must be timely vulgarized.

Selected electors must belong to the concerned race of the local constituency, that is, the Montagnards will elect a

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The selection will be organized within 20 days from Aug. 8 to Aug. 27, 1966. The report of the selection in each hamlet should be made in 3 copies, to be published for the local electors' information and to be sent to the District by Aug. 29, 1966 at the latest.

4) - Setting of lists of electors' groups.-

The list of electors' groups in the whole district (including members of popularly-elected institutions) will be set by the Selection Committee and transmitted to the Province Administrative Office with selection reports by Aug. 31, 1966 at the lates.

The list of electors' groups in the whole province will be set by the Province Chief according to the attached form (attached form 4) with the above-mentioned documents and posted at the province Administrative Office and at public places on Sept. 5, 1966.

In a constituency, there will be a common list of electors' groups for all races. For example, in Darlac province, there will be a common list of all electors of various races : Rhade, Djarai, Muong..... who will elect a Montagnard deputy. In Tuyen Duc, there will be a common list for all North-VN Montagnard refugees : Nung, Muong, Thai, Tho.....; besides, there will be also another list for Montagnard electors. In Binh Thuan, there will be 2 distinct lists : 1 for compatriots of Cham descent and 1 for North-VN Montangard Refugees. As for compatriots of Cham descent, there will be a common list for electors of compatriots of Cham descent in both provinces Ninh Thuan and Binh Thuan.

Following the posting of electors' lists, the Province must inform the Administration Special Commissary by message, and later on, confirm it by a routine official note.

V.- Candidature. Electoral campaign.-

1) - Conditions required for candidature.-

Any highlander of Central Viet-Nam, Cham and highlander-refugee of North Viet-Nam male or female have the right of running for deputy in the Constituent Assembly, if they fulfill all the

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conditions prescribed by decree-law 22/26.

Som the highlanders of Central Viet-Nam (Thuong) can only run for deputies of Thuong origin, the Cham run for deputies of Cham origin etc.....

Besides, the candidates concerned are not allowed to run for other deputy's seats including the ones reserved to Vietnamese candidates in these provinces.

The dissidents of the Fulro group may run for deputies, if they return to the government ranks before August 15, 1966, but they must be declared qualified by a committee. (Art. 11 of the decree-law).

The brigadier General, commander of the Second Military Tactical Zone will preside this committee, assisted by two government's representatives and two members chosen by drawing lots among members of the provincial council (or notables) who are not candidates in the elections.

The names of the chosen members of the provincial council must be sent by wire by the province administration to the Civilian Affairs Secretary of the Second Military Tactical Zone, August 15, 1966 at the latest.

The committee will be convened by the Government Representative for the Second Military Tactical Zone at the most convenient place.

In order to stimulate dissident elements who are willing to desert the enemies' ranks, the above stipulations must be widely publicized by the provincial administration.

2) - Candidacy procedures.-

Any highlander of Central VN, Cham and highlander-refugee of North VN have the right to run for deputies in a constituency. In Tuyen-Duc and Binh-Thuan provinces in particular, the candidates mut clearly point out the ethinic minority in which they want to run as deputies, highlander of central VN, Cham or highlander-refugee of North VN.

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The file simplified is only composed of two documents :

- A birth certificat or a document replacing it, or a copy of the ~~two~~ identification card, or a curriculum vitae with photo delivered by the local administration.
- A curriculum vitae No. 2 not ~~exceding~~ exceeding three months of date delivered by the ~~f~~ judicial authorities, or a honorary declaration established in conformity with the formality described in article 12.

3) - The studying of candidates' files.-

The procedures concerning the establishment and study of the candidates' files are similar to that applied to the Vietnamese in the case of single ballot. In this special case, the resolution of the local council is decisive.

In this ~~council~~ council, it is preferable to confer if possible the power of decision to highlanders, Cham members etc.....

4) - The electoral compaign.-

The procedures concerning the electoral campaign are similar to that prescribed in decree-law No. 22/66, but it will begin on September 6, 1966 to end at noon of September 10, 1966.

The expenditures on the electoral campaign and transportation of voters are fixed in articles 15 and 16 of the decree-law.

VI.- Procedures concerning the voting and counting of ballots.-

The ~~highest~~ highlander of Central VN, Cham and highlander-refugee of North VN deputies are elected by single ballot. The voting is secret, proceeded in one round and by relative majority.

In each hgihlander of Central VN constituency, the voting will be proceeded without discrimination of race or tribe.

In Tuyen-Duc and Binh-Thuan provinces, the ~~hgt~~ highlander-refugees of North VN will vote in the same polling stations without distinction between Nung, Thai, Muong, Tho etc.....

In Binh-Thuan and Ninh-Thuan provinces, the electors Cham

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will vote separately to elect the deputies of their race.

All the articles and paragraphs concerning the printing of ballots, the organization and management of polling station prescribed by the decree-law No. 22/66 are also applied to the elections of deputies of ethnic minority.

VII.- Complaints and lawsuit.-

The procedures concerning complaints and lawsuit prescribed by article 45 and the following articles in decree-law 22/66 of June 19, 1966 are applicable to the elections of ethnic minority deputies.

Besides, a number of activities described in article 19 which take place during the elections will be considered as violating the freedom and sincere character of the elections and punished in conformity with decree-law 13/64 of July 18, 1964.

VIII.- Centralization of electoral results.-

The results of the elections will be officially announced on September 15, 1966.

After that, all files and documents concerning the elections must be transmitted to the Constituent Assembly through the Administrative Special Directorate by the fastest means.

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